

## Are you aware of issues that affect public safety on the Highway?

For all highways works including potholes, flooding and vegetation that could cause a hazard, and damaged or missing road signs, please contact

**Highways Enquiries on 0345 3101111, 8.30 till 4.30pm. Outside these hours you will be advised to call Thames Valley Police on 101**

Email: [highwayenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highwayenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Or [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/report](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/report) or

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Oxfordshire>

### The District Council is responsible for street cleansing.

For mud, leaves and street cleansing, contact

**VoWH DC (Biffa) on 03000 610610**

Where debris such as dead animals is found on the carriageway, Oxfordshire County Council may move it to the verge for the District Council to clear. Oxfordshire County Council clears debris after road traffic incidents such as oil or broken glass etc.

Regarding the A34:

For **urgent** matters, call **0300 123 5000**

For non-urgent issues, please contact [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk)

For A34 traffic delays, visit

<http://www.trafficdelays.co.uk/a34-traffic-delays/>

**For siding out and vegetation clearance, contact Unpaid Work (formerly Community Payback) 01869 328500 or email**

[Diane.Major@thamesvalleycrc.org.uk](mailto:Diane.Major@thamesvalleycrc.org.uk) or

[Eleanor.hopping@thamesvalleycrc.org.uk](mailto:Eleanor.hopping@thamesvalleycrc.org.uk) or

[janet.hall@thamesvalleycrc.org.uk](mailto:janet.hall@thamesvalleycrc.org.uk)

The Probation Service seeks to provide work for probationers who are conducting community service as an alternative to a custodial sentence. They need to work where they will be visible and to have access to a hall for welfare.

If you would like to discuss non-urgent requests for improving your area, please ask for the Highways Inspector by contacting highway enquiries as above.



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## Highway Works in the Vale of White Horse

*December 2016, January, February 2017*

### Maintaining the Highway



Welcome to the latest newsletter on highway maintenance in the Vale of White Horse

*Laura Hutchins Payne, Area Steward Vale of White Horse*

### Changes to Highway Maintenance

*Laura Hutchins Payne*

### Sweep & Fill

Oxfordshire County Council is seeking to save expenditure on defect repairs. We are using *Sweep and Fill* on all non A&B roads. This is a cheaper treatment and we will be monitoring its effectiveness. You may notice the difference in the appearance of our repairs.

### Grass Cutting

*Oxfordshire Together* is the programme under which Oxfordshire County Council make a contribution toward the maintenance of grass verges in Oxfordshire. This contribution is allowing Parish Council to cut the grass twice a year. Where Oxfordshire County Council manages the verges next year, verges will be given priority for grass cutting according to their use, particularly visibility splays, cycle routes, and some other routes. It is pleasing that more parishes are now taking on the management of grass cutting, grip maintenance and some of the other proposals offered under *Oxfordshire Together*. The deadline date for contracts for grass cutting in 2017 -2018 is 31<sup>st</sup> December, so do please let me know if you would like to take on a new contract next year.

## Highway Maintenance Works in the Vale

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### Patching works planned in the Vale, now completed

Fernham – 28 & 29 November  
Spring Hill, Southmoor – 30 November  
Appleton Road, Cumnor – 1 December  
Oxford Road, Abingdon – 2 December

### Forward Programme, resurfacing 2017/ 2018

Harcourt Hill  
The Avenue, Kennington (btw Playfield and St Swithuns)  
The Vineyard  
A420 Pusey turn

### Surface Dressing 2017

A420 btw Tubney and Kingston Bagpuize duals  
A338 Tubney to Frilford

### Safety Schemes

Kingston Bagpuize roundabout

### Dragon patching

Wantage – Hampden Road (cul de sac)  
Abingdon – Alexander Close  
Wootton – Hawkins/ Mathews Way

### Minor Civils

Abingdon South Avenue, access issues  
Baulking – A417, kerbing  
Botley, - Yarnells Hill, footway repair  
Buscot – Middle Lodge, raise kerbs at entrance

### Community Payback

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We have been working with Thames Valley Rehabilitation Service to reduce vegetation along a number of footpaths and footways in the Vale. We are seeking to reduce our vegetation now, so that the growth is manageable next spring and summer when the bird nesting season prohibits tree and vegetation reduction.

## Harwell Link Road

**Graham Kingsparke**  
**NEC Project Manager – Harwell Link Rd**

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Oxfordshire County Council is constructing a new road between the B4493 and A417, known as Harwell Link Road, and has made improvements to the Hagbourne Hill road. These schemes are intended to improve journeys between Didcot and Harwell Oxford Campus.



The Harwell Link Road will consist of 1.2k of single carriageway with a roundabout tying into the A417 & the A4493 with footpath, cycleway & bridleway connecting to the existing Driftway Bridleway.

Following the two recent successful and well attended public exhibitions at Harwell Village Hall, GallifordTry the contractors appointed by Oxfordshire County Council to construct the Harwell Link Road, have now commenced work. Initially they are setting up the site compound adjacent to the A417. Works started 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 Completion expected March 2018

They are also carrying out site clearance by removing trees and hedges. In the new year they will commence erecting boundary fence lines and bulk earthworks. The contractors aim to be good neighbours, and if residents have any concerns they can contact the contractor's Public Liaison Officer at [alan.jones@gallifordtry.co.uk](mailto:alan.jones@gallifordtry.co.uk) or telephone 0800-028-5199.